(c) whether any punishment has been awarded so far to the chargesheeted officials;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no termination of service has been done in any case; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that they have chargesheeted 56 DDA officials in cases of alleged irregularities in watch and ward payments. 28 officials have been served chargesheets for major penalty and 28 officials have been served chargesheets for minor penalty.

(c) Minor penalty has been imposed on 22 chargesheeted officials of DDA.

(d) and (e) No penalty of termination of service has been imposed, so far, Penalties imposed in a particular case are dependent upon the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the decision of the Disciplinary Authority.

Bangalore Metro Rail Project

226. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore Metro Rail Project has been approved by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above project;

(c) what is Government's financial commitment for this project;

(d) the present status of the proposed project; and

(e) by when it is likely to take off?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project the estimated cost of the project at April, 2003 prices is Rs. 3970 crore. Only the 'in principle' approval of the Planning Commission has been received. The financing plan and the schedule of construction of the project is dependent on the final approvals.